

## **Academic Vocabulary Words**

### **compare**

to say how something is SIMILAR to something else

### **contrast**

to show how things are DIFFERENT

### **demonstrate**

to prove something by showing EXAMPLES

### **explain**

to show the REASON or cause for something

### **support**

to provide EVIDENCE for something

### **develop**

to make an argument easier to understand by giving MORE INFORMATION

### **infer**

to form an opinion based on FACTS

### **interpret**

to EXPLAIN the meaning of something

### **summarize**

to tell again in FEWER words

### **analyze**

to STUDY something CLOSELY and carefully; to learn the nature and relationship of the parts of something through close examination